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1. The DDR Council of Ministers decreed that the various DHZ's were to hand in specifications for individual plan requirements to be imported in 1953 to the competent foreign trade offices at the latest by 5 September 1952. As of 13 October 1952, DHZ Metallurgie, however, had still not turned in complete specifications to DIA-Metall for material to be imported.
2. Preliminary negotiations with the foreign trade offices of the USSR and Czechoslovakia have assured deliveries of unspecified amounts of iron and steel products in 1952 and in the first quarter of 1953; according to the Ministry of Foreign and Domestic Trade, it will be impossible to order the following amounts of products because specifications are lacking:

From the USSR

about	500 metric tons	structural steel over NP 18
about	700 metric tons	light bar steel
about	600 metric tons	heavy bar steel
about	400 metric tons	warm-rolled band steel
about	1,345 metric tons	spring steel
about	1,400 metric tons	quality steels (Qualitätsstähle)
about	5,000 metric tons	seamless pipe
about	1,650 metric tons of	cold-rolled band steel
about	500 metric tons of	wire, over 100 kg. strength
about	260 metric tons of	wire, under 100 kg. strength
about	4,000 metric tons of	rolling railroad material (solid wheel-center disks 950 and 1,050 mm.)

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From Czechoslovakia

about	2,100 metric tons of	seamless pipe
about	780 metric tons of	light bar steel
about	305 metric tons of	warm-rolled band steel
about	100 metric tons of	cold band (Kaltband)
about	2,650 metric tons of	drawn material
about	15 metric tons of	high-grade steel pipe
about	250 metric tons of	rolled high-grade steel

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